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SUBJECT: GOCAR NATIONALIZATIONS CONTINUE

1. GOCAR ANNOUNCED ON MAY 13 THE NATIONALIZATION OF THE TECHNICAL INSTALLATIONS, THE FIXED ASSETS, AND INVENTORIES OF SOCIETE D'EXPLOITATIONS FORESTIERES ET INDUSTRIELLES (SEFI). SEFI IN 1972 WAS THE CAR'S LEADING SAWMILL, PRODUCING 29 PERCENT OF THE COUNTRY'S TOTAL SAWN TIMBER. IT HAD OPERATIONS IN THE OBAYE REGION OF THE CAR WITH ITS HEADQUARTERS AT M'BATA. SEFI, WHICH HAD A CONCESSION OF 117,900 HECTARES, WAS OWNED BY THE FRENCH GROUP DUJARDIN. SEFI, THE OLDEST TIMBER COMPANY IN THE CAR, HAD ITS CONCESSION IN THE M'BAKA TRIBAL AREA DN IT BORDERED ON PRESIDENT BOKASSA'S FARM AT BOUBANGUI.

2. COMMENT: SEFI APPARENTLY INCURRED THE IRE OF KEY M'BAKA

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LEADERS BY ITS REPORTEDLY WASTEFUL TIMBER PRACTICES IN THEIR

TRADITIONAL TRIBAL AREA. ONE HIGH-LEVEL M'BAKA RECENTLY COMPLAINED  
TO AN EMBOFF THAT THE TIMBER COMPANY ALONG THE M'BAIKI ROAD (SEFI)  
WAS "DEGRADING" THE AREA DNS HOULD BE FORCED TO REPLANT TREES  
BECAUSE IT WILL NOT BE LONG BEFORE THE FORESTS OF THE CAR WILL  
DISAPPEAR. NATIONALIZATION OF SEFI MAKES TOTAL OF 11. IF RADIO  
BROADCAST OF 5/13 IS CORRECT, THERE ARE STILL FOUR TO GO.  
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